

**Community Preservation Act Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 by Peter Jessop, Chair, in the Town Room of the Amherst Town Hall.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Marilyn Blaustein, Paris Boice, Lynda Faye, Peter Jessop, Chair; Ellen Kosmer, Mary Streeter, Vice Chair, Stan Ziomek

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Sandra Anderson, Michael Jacques

STAFF / OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Sonia Aldrich, Diana Stein, Select Board liaison, Nate Malloy, David Ziomek, Marianne Curling, Michael Hanke, Ellen Melley, Vincent Cleary, Todd Ford, Carol Gray, Lisa Berry

- Amherst Historical Society represented by Marianne Curling, consulting curator, reported on the CPA request for funds to create an inventory and database of the collection.
 - Amount requested for this item is \$22,000.
 - Second part of the request from the Amherst Historical Society is \$25,231 to finish the roof of the building (by Teagno Associates) with cedar shakes.
 - Total request is \$47,231.
 - Michael Hanke, Historical Commission, Ellen Melley and Vincent Cleary, both from the Historical Society, spoke in support of the project.
 - The Historical Commission supports this proposal.
- Hampshire County Court House represented by Todd Ford, Executive. Director of Hampshire County of Council of Governments spoke to this request for \$239,239.63, for the historic restoration of the County Courthouse in Northampton. Amherst is not a member of the Council of Governments.
 - The Historical Commission did not recommend this request.
- Little Red School House, represented by Carol Gray and Lisa Berry, spoke to this request for \$130,000 to move the preschool from the Amherst College Campus.

The Historical Commission wrote a letter in support of preservation of the structure, but staff indicated that the request for funds was premature since, the group does not own the building, have the permission to move it, or land on which to relocate.

- The Historical Commission Chair, Michael Hanke, presented the request for \$40,000 to restore the West Cemetery fencing surrounding the Dickinson Plot. He indicated that \$ 25,000 was previously allocated by the current estimate for

the project is \$60,000 based on consultant site visits. The Historical Commission considers this Priority 1.

- Open Space request presented by Dave Ziomek request for \$400,000 was broken down into three categories: \$25,000 for appraisals, \$ 200,000 for land in North Amherst and \$ 175,000 for land in south Amherst (partnership program. Given the economy many people want to do open space projects,
 - The Open Space request may be presented at a later meeting on February 15, 2012. The CPAC was agreeable to that possibility.

Future meetings are scheduled for:

Feb 16 at 7:00 public hearing and discussion on proposals

Feb 28 at 5:00

March 15 7:00

MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of January 19, 2012, as amended. **VOTED 6-0-2 abstentions**

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Marilyn, 2nd by Stan to adjourn at _8:50 pm. Voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Faye

Approved, as amended February 16, 2012